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is to supply out-of-the-way facts information. Quentions of perat only will not be answered. No e personal addresses will be given. st. care Houston Post. Owing to the ther of questions received answers

sindly publish the floral badges of

Arres have been adopted by nineteen emblems. The selection has been tee ways by the vote of the children states in which the former method golden rod; Colorado, columbine, peach blomom; Georgia, golden flower: Montana, bitter root; No. oles rod; Nevada, sunflower; New ; Oklahoma Territory, mistletoe; idea rod; Rhode Island, violet, and the rhododendron. The States res have adopted flowers are: wild rose: Maine, pine come and apple bloscom; Utah, sego fermont, the red clover. In Illinois leading State flower by the he rose stood highest, although no bine and trailing arbutus were but no flower was adopted.

the statement that Grant beld military position ever bestowed marican citizen. Please say if it is a J.E.R.

of reneral and lieutenant general at the death of Washington until 1855, Scoral Scott was made brevet lieutenin for General Grant, who was further raiship again lapsed, to be revived by the grade of general in 1866. In year Sherman was promoted to be at general, and in 1869, upon the acof General Grant to the presidency. became general and Sheridan lieuperial. By special act of congress, a few weeks before his death, Sheri oted to be general. Sheridan last Heutenant general and the last of the army, both grades having been and of the army, both legislation, congress ains them disproportionate to an army of

are all the titles or what are the nations the following countries: England, Spain, Germany, Ireland and Russia.

"God Save the Queen." "The Wearof the Green" is popularly supposed to be tonal air of Ireland, though several on contest this point. "Partant Pour brie" was the national air of France dur scend empire, but "The Margellaise" er in the ascendant; Germany has "Die am Rhein;" Austria, the emperor's Bussia has the imperial anthem, and has two, "La Marcha Roal" (the royal Hinne Riego" (Riego's

say American lady or any America. carried into any royal family? H.C. can ladies have married into families idated to royalty, but, so far as apof nobility and gentry, no American has derectly into a family actually reignsave in one case, that of Miss Elizabeth s. who married Jerome Bonnparte irether of the Emperor Napoleon, and this

s, Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, or of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostibe. preme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Paand of the West, Primate of Italy, Archives and Metropolitan of the Roman Provest and Sovereign of the Temporal Dominton he Hely Roman Church.

are that the United States government even in debt to other nations. B contends such is not the case. Which is correct? A.R.

bonds are considered in Europe as the the United States a debtor to other

The originated the expression, "They kept is sen is nor of their way?" C.D.V. h is a misquotation from the poet Gray. line, "They kept the noiseless tenor of 'VAY," is almost invariably quoted "They

what is paid a private in the regular army, at is a private required to have an education How long is he required to serve?

G.C.B.

is time of peace, \$18.25 per month; in war, ber cent increase. It is necessary that he take to read and write. He can enlist for

the three or five years. he reported here that the supreme court filer has ruled the hog law unconstitu-le this a fact? B. C. Blount. In can get full information in regard to his by writing to the clerk of the court triminal appeals at Tyler. There are seval bug laws and you have falled to state the

to to which you refer. its the Red Cross Society a regularly elect-or appointed treasurer? J.P.H. the Clara Barton, who has offices in New at and Washington, is the authorized agent to Red Cross Society of America.

Several Bob Taylor of Tennesses recov-from his recent severe illness. J.E.S.

les, be ban fully recovered.

Salf Shipments Helping Kansas Cupital.

the results predicted ten years ago from building of a deep turbor for Western Scots on the Gulf of Mexico have albeen fargely realized, although the oul Gulf sh minents are in their infancy. occurrection of the Nicaragua canal take the Gulf of Mexico one of the bishways of commerce and will have merful influence in the further upbuildof the West, which is to be the comcouly Senator Luc

only commenced shapping South as yet. When the great the of commerce is fully furned 0, at way, as it surely will be, it will tax the ability of more than Houston and Galvesion combined to do the business we are now ready to offer. All we are waiting for is the assurance that it can be handled promptly and without delay on the Gulf." In corn, wheat and cata the value of the crops of Kansas in 1898 (not a bumper year) was \$68,000,000; of Missourt it was \$50,000,000, of Nebraska \$54,000,000, of Ar-kansas \$12,000,000, of Texas \$21,000,000, of the two Dakotas \$46,000,000, a total of these soven States alone of over \$252,000,000 at the two Dakotas \$46,000,000, a total of these soven States alone of over \$252,000,000 at these soven States alone of over \$252,000,000 at the two Dakotas \$46,000,000 cars to export the total output of these States in these three principal grains.

That the appearance of the Gulf as a competitor against the Atlantic ports has materially benefited Kansas is capable of being shown by a comparison with Newhich is outside of the area of full competition between east-and-west and north-and-south banis. Taking the figure-for 1896 as given by the government at Washington it appears that Kanass grain brings regularly from the connert a bushel nove then Nebraska grain. The corn crop of Nebraska in 1896 was 298,500,600 bushels, while man of Kanass was 298,500,000 bushels. of Nebraska in 1896 was 298,560,000 bushels, while that of Kansas was 247,750,000 bushels. But the value of the Kansas crop was \$44,500,000, while that of Nebraska, 51,000,000. In the three principal grain crops Nebraska raised 50,000,000 bushels more thun Kansas, but Kansas got for her crops \$14,000,000 more than Nebraska.

Now that the railroads are taking an active interest in the development of Gulf harbors and in turning the tide of traffic from east-and-west to north-and-south, the

from east-and-west to north-and-south, the influence of Guif ports will be increasingly felt in higher priors for the products of Kansas, which occupies a central point, where competition between the two directions of shipment is flercest.

THE LESSON OF ALASKA

The favorite analogy of the impertalists to justify the annexation of the Philippines is found in Alaska. Here is a Territory, they say, which was acquired by purchase, which is not contiguous nor akin in population nor capable of self-government, and which we have owned for more than thirty years without granting it Perritorial form of government.

This is all true, though it deserves to be remembered that, if not contiguous, bought, furthermore, mainly as a commer-cial venture, with no thought of colon-zing it—whata climatic conditions forb.d—nor my pretense of educating its degraded natives to become "sharers of our heritage,"

which was equally impossible. Though the Territory was bought in 1867 it was not until 1884 that congress provided any civil government. Alaska was then made a civil and judicial district, and the president was authorized to appoint a gov-ernor. A district court and four commis-sioners who exercise the powers of justices of the peace according to the laws of Oregon complete the government. The per-ple have no voice in it. in the absence of all legislative authority, the laws of Oregon, in so far as they are applicable and not in conflict with the laws of the United States, are extended over the dis-

Yet now, after thirty years of possession, the experiment does not in its results afford any comfort to our globe-embracing expansionista.

When Alaska was annexed it had a population of about 32,000. Of these 12,000 were of the mative ladden tribes, 18,000 were Esquimain and Aleuis, descendants of the Mongolian races of Asia. There were about 2000 Russian half-breeds and a few Ameri-can traders and miners. The census of 1890 gave the population at 30,000, a loss of

000 in twenty-three years.

President Jordan of Stanford university. who visited the country in 1897 as a government commissioner, says that the natives have become so reduced that "starva-tion is inevitable along the whole line of he southwestern coast." From Prince William's Sound to Atru, a distance of 1800 iles, there is not a village save two where Between eretic cold and San Francisc greed," says President Jordan, "these peoile. 1165 in number, have no outlook save extermination.

The industries of the Territory, with the than the people. The valuable sea otters, in sets of them are held in London, Paris, skins affording food to the natives, are sets of them are held in London, Paris, skins affording food to the natives, are practically exterminated. So are the sea practically exterminated and the salmon Practically exterminated. So are the salmon are going the same way. "Under the present conditions," says President Jordan in an article in the Atlantic Monthly, "when the sea otters are destroyed, the fur-seal herd exterminated, the native tribes starved to death, the salmon rivers depopulated, the timber out and the placer gold. ulated, the timber cut and the placer gold fields worked out, Alaska is to be thrown away like a sucked orange. There is no

be ray," is almost invariably quoted "They be the even tener of their way," which, as surpidue of the "rude forefathers of the mile," is not rearly so poetical.

In it be proved that God created other is besides Adam, before or coincident with [Amb creation?]

The passage in Genesit, "Male and femane reside be them," has been the subject of six controversy among theological and critical sites, and no general agreement has me rached with regard to its meaning.

That is the limit of the military resources are rached with regard to its meaning.

That is the limit of the military resources are made a fine as long as all the rest. "Outside the great remains, but the number of meaning armirs, but the number of meanin er Whaling company. +++

And yet the last National platform of the republican party declared that "we believe the citizens of Aluska should have representation in the congress of the United Scattation in the congress of the United States!" Is this a precedent for the Philippines? Is this record of neglect, incompetance, cruelty, greed, corruption and is lure—with the added menace of a war with England which for years existed—an incentive to a world-wide venture in integrals."

Miles' Charges.

St. Louis Republic.

General Miles' charges against the war department, formally advanced in his tostimony before the war invisiteation commission, may not be so lightly dismissed as have been those of other officers whose utterances were less authoritative.

This witness is the senior commanding officer of the United States army. His record during the civil war was excellent. As an Indian fighter after the close of that conflict he greatly distinguished himself. He has always been a faithful soldier. It is not to be assumed that he will bear false witness in matters affecting the welfare of the army. He is eminently qualified by a lifetime of devotron to the military service of this country to criticles any and all departments of that service.

Gene lai Miles' characte were manifold. He asserts that there was great confusion in the mobilization of troops in the various asserts that there was great confusion in the mobilization of troops in the various camps in this country. There was a lack of storchouse facilities in the camps. The transport service was found insufficient. Both in Cuba and in Porto Rico the med-ical supplies were inadequate. At Santiago

The ho pital accommodations were The arrangements for bearing wound-ace from the field to the rear were discrable. He saw one train of wounded in exposed, shelterless to a drenching sin. The refrigerated beef supplied to the riny in Porto Rico was so badly spelled hat he characterized it as "embalmed hat he characterized it as "embalmed deed"—it had an odor like that of an emalmed deed body.

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These charges made by the commanding conoral of the United States army are calculated to fill the civilizat world with harmulated to fill the civilization with the command can be considered to fill the civilization with the command can be considered to fill the command that the command can be considered to fill the command that the command can be considered to fill the command that the command tha and amazement. This government can't ord to ignore them. Whonver is respon-ble for such an appalling condition of af-rs must be published. The American prothe must be obtained. The American pro-ble, reading Gen ral Miles' testimony be-fore the war investigation commission and remembering the brave regulars and vol-unteers who suffered and died through this oriminal incompenses and nighest will no cubmit to a shielding of the guilty parties. The situation now is too serious for white-wash.

BIMETALLISM DEFINED.

"Coin" Harvey Gives a Plain State ment of the Money Question.

(Written for The Post.)
The statement has been made to me that not one in ten of our voting population knows, understandingly, what bimetallism is, and I have been asked to define M.

It is the right to use either of two metals reaches the people through the mints of to coin all that comes. The option, known as the bimetallic option, is with the goverament and the people to use either of the two metals in the discharge of their obligations. If the government is paying its soldiers, its employes, its numerous officials or other obligations, under bimetallism, it has the right to pay in money made from either metal. If the people are paying their taxes to city, State or Nation purchasing postage stamps, or discharging their obligations to each other, under bimetallism, they have the right to pay in money made from either of the two me:ats. It thus places the two metals in compe-

tition with each other to supply the demand for money. Thus one relieves the strain upon the other-as one eye relieves the strain upon the other. With the option with the people to use they controlled the demand and placed that demand on the one that was the most

accessible. If eilver grew cheaper they shifted the demand to it and took the demand away from gold, hence sliver rose in commercial value and gold declined. if fidel rabble. gold came to be the cheaper they, the people, used it, thus shifting the demand to gold and taking it away from silver. And it was the demand thus controlled by the people, as such and as a government, that practically maintained the commercial parity of the two metals for all time prior

to 1873. Following the act of 1873 the option wa given to the creditor to demand either of the two metale-just the reverse of bimetallism-and the result is that the credttor demands the dearer of the two metals

exception of mining, have fared no better ply and force the use of the other. The

most any farmer's barn. W. H. Harvey.

Should Have Their Consent First.

El Paso Times.

Some people talk as if they considered slaves or cattle to be sold by one nation to snother. "The ownership of the Philippines," says a New York paper, "has been settled by Spain yielding them to Uncle Sam and we must either keep them or give them away." And in its next breath this same paper discourses elequently upon the nobility of American citizenship and the grand principles upon which our government is founded. Yes, and we believe that the "consent of the governed" is the very backbone of our government; and yet there is talk of anexing the Philippines without their consent. We have no oblessed the of anexing the people of that territory have agreed to the arrangement.

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A Pessimistic View. El Paso Times.

Persimists are predicting that future historians will write of the United States as ancient historians wrote of the fall of

Notice Times.

Now while the democracy is so well orgunized in Texas, is the time for us to begin shaping matters for the National election two years hence.

The ho pital accommodations were MINISTER DEFENDS INGERSOLL

New York Herald.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll was defended yesterday by Rev. Henry Frank, pastor of the Metropolitan Independent church, which meets in Berkeley lyceum.

"Why do not preichers acknowledge at once that Ingersoll, in his way, is doing a good work for humanity?" be said. "I om a preacher, yet I am pot afraid to make a confession. I believe if Jesus were on this continent today he would seek out Robert G. Ingersoll, and, taking him by the band welcome bim as a coworker in the vineyard of the truth.

"When Henry Ward Beecher, some years ago, grasped Lancersoll's hand on a public platform and introduced him to a waiting atclience as a valiant and truthful war-rior, he lifted Christianity closer to the boart of Jesus Christ than it had been for a Century and diminished by one-half the devil's opportunity of carrying backsiders out of the church's back door into the in-fidels' camp. Let us be honest with our-soives and the world.

TRUTH TOLD BY INGERSOLL. "Ingersoli has been telling the truth. He has been doing a good work in demolishing the monstrous superstition and ignofor money-gold and eliver. The supply half a century ago. He is merely saying rant creed before which Christianity bowed the government, by the mints being open the unlettered masses what every Christian in an off-hand and seductive manner to scholar listens to respectfully from lips of a Huxley, a Typidall or a Darwi "Everything that Ingersoll has about creed, superstition and bigotry is true and has been said long before. Nor does he one whit exaggerate the facts. It does he one whit exaggerate the race. It is Ingersoll's mistortune that he has lived is Ingersoll's mistortune that he has lived in Twenty-flys too long in the public eye. Twenty-five years ago he was one hundred years ahead church. Today the advance guard the new religion is fifty years ahead

> PEOPLE YEARN FOR PREEDOM. "People today are yearning for a religion a religion free from cramp of creed and casulstry of priest-and they are not concerned under what banner it is promul-

gated. "It matters not whether it comes under the name of Christian, Jewish, Buddhistic, Vedantic or humanitarian and scientificit need only be the religion of and harmonize with nature's laws. money made from either of the two metals. This is the religion which the advance guard is preaching, and for which the

"It is only the very ignorant who contime to cling to the abstered fragments of the idols of a quarter of a century ago. Ingureoil was the leader of the old destroyers the rampant iconoclasts, the in-Their day is gone. he advent of the new -they who will rebuild the temple of the living truth on the foundations of human experience and scientific discovery. The world awaits a leader. "It is too bad that Ingersoll, the poet

teonoclast of today, can not also be the seer and singer of tomorrow. But he will come, the new ingersoil, who will carry humanity up to the erars as the old Inger-soil pulled angels down to earth."

Greenville Headlight. What a woman can not do will be the subject of another chapter. It is enough and the dearer it gets the more apt by to consider now what she can do with prois to demand it. Under bimetalliam, the use of two metals, the people could be depended upon, naturally, to shift the demand automatically to the cheaper of the two metals when either was cheaper than the other. Taking the demand away from the other. Taking the demand away from the other of the large of

two metals when either was continued and the common and physical effort.

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New York World

The American Newspaper Publishers as sociation has presented to the American members of the United States and Canada joint high commission a convincing plea for free printing paper and free wood-pulp.

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never made.

There are other facts and figures presented by the publishers, but these are sufficient. The duty is a tax on intelligence, a bounty to a trust. It should be abrogated.

Last week was a big week for Houston Groveton Herald. and a big time for all who were there.

HOW TO TELL WHEN ONE HAS THE GRIP

Here Is a Little Catechism Which It Would Be Well for Us, During This Weather, to Learn by Heart.

-What are the premonitory symptoms of grip? A .- Distinct chill or chilly sensations, followed by an elevation of temperature from 101 to 103 Fahrenheit; pair in the head, headache, pain in the limbs and back, aching all over the body, mental depression, loss of appetite and muscular weakness, often accompanied by a hard cough with little expectoration.

Q .- How may one be sure that it is real grip that has attacked A .- The conficuence of these symptoms without local inflammation to

count for them practically assures the nature of the disease Q .- What should one take to sentralise the attack?

A .- Consult a good physician at once. Different cases require different treatment. There is no specific for grip.

Q.-How may one tell whether the attack is severe enough to make necessary to go to bed, or only to stay indoors? A .- Ask the advice of your physician before venturing out.

Q .- What will be the symptoms when it is safe for one who has d the grip to vetnure out again? A .- Return of appetite, freedom from fever and pain; relief from mental

pression; general return of normal conditions, Q .- How may one guard against the dangers of relapse during the three weeks' period of convalencement

A .- Your physician must instruct you; different conditions require different Q .- What precautions should be taken when one member

family has grip to prevent the others from being affected? A .- Do not allow members of the family to go near the patient unless absolutely necessary. Ventilate the sick room; change the air as often as possible.

Q .- What can be done to prevent persons who have not taken the grip from getting itt

A .- Olean the streets.

our best men into the office, out six bits nto his pocket, handed him rathroad transportation and ordered him relifeed trans-portation and ordered him to Houston to take in the sights, beer, oysters, cigars are anything close shat be might find lying around loose without any special owner. On his return and he was gone five days, we propounded the following, hoping gain a little information as to what he

aw in Houston:
"Well, you use back?" "Don't you see
ne" "What did you see in Houston!" Well, a little of everything. In the first place, we, the press, had an oyster reast perpetrated on us at a beautiful park near Harrishner, at which everybody got full-of oysters; then a big function at the American brewery, at which there was an-other filling up—on the best lunch we ever aw; then, there was the big Houston Post benquet, at the Hutchine bouse, which was the biggest affair of them all."

"Were you at all of them?" "You bet we were, by a large majority." "How about the street barndes?" "Well, sir, they were the baggest parades ever in Texas. There was a most beautiful parade evening. Tels is not all. The Fes-at the Austrorium was the main the exhibits were much better in former occasions." "What make han on former occasione." "What make ou so sfeepy?" "Been full all the week. your pecket?" "By George! Here they coul, rut them there, He evidents. local, part them there. He evidently intended to ask us for them, but owing to the rescherous condition of his memory, he widently forgot whose pecket he put them

A Grent Constitutional Issue. Birmingham Age-Herald.

Colonel William Jennings Bryan is th ender of the democracy of the country. He is the recognized leader as recent polls in congress and in the legislature of this State plainly show. He should be considered

Bailey as the leader of the democracy. Bailey out of the way would mean the elimination of a line of policy the rank and file of the party don't intend to surrender. Even the great New York Journal brought its mill on circulation to bear against him, but the people think for themselves. No editor or newspaper can now dictate to any party or people. If they can teach correct principles men will assept them. Horace Greeky could make presidents with his pen, but he couldn't be elected on a crosseyed platform. Those fellows who once dominated the democratic party and secured the lion's share of the offices see the beginning of the end; an end which reams that the great West is not going to look to the East for her presidents and leaders every time. Bailey as the leader of the democracy

look to the East for her presidents and leaders every time.

Merit, brains and patriotism can come up from the plains of Nebranka or the prairies of Texas alike with those of the manufacturing and commercial districts of the New England States. This deltas of the Mississisms and the mountains of Colorado can produce just as good and great men as Wall street or Buffalo.

It Can Talk a Hole Through a Board Boston Eevening Transcript. Mr. Edison has devised an instrus

for talking a hole through a plank. This sounds like a joke, but it is a fact, nevertheless, and it affords one of the most in teresting illustrations of the power saund waves. When the wirerd was Washington a while ago, an examiner of natouris spoke to him casually on the subtext, and struck by an inspiration, he sai
down and drew a sketch of the apparatus
in question, which consists primarily of a
disphruum, a ratchet and a toothed wheel,
When one ticks at the disphragm its vibrations cause the wheel to swelve and.

through the familiar contrivance called & "worm gear," a gimlet is turned, which bores its way through a board. Indeed the device here described has been patented by Mr. Edison, but not for the purpose above described! It appears in the re-ords of the patent office as a contrivance for winding up a clock. All you have got to do. in order to wind this cort of clock—a and untrustworthy—is to swear at it a bit and call it some names. Without any more to do, the obedient timepiece starts Itself a-going and is good for twenty-four hours.

Captured the Prize.

To Miss Georgia B. Ochiltree is due to oner of representing Orange at the Fruit Flower and Vegetable Festival in Housies Flower and Vegetable Festival in Housion last week, her display of hand painted citing which was awarded first prize in the art department, being the only exhibit of any kind from Orange. Mass Ochiline's collection of china is truly elegant and it would require a much more facile pen than that wirld do by this writer to describe its beauty. The er-welling piece of the collection is a magnification of the collection is a magnification of the collection is a magnification of the collection of the collection of the collection is a magnification. ismonate lankard, decorated with fruits a flowers. So true to nature is the fruit of letted that one unrenseiously feels inclined reach out a hand to pick the lineaus grap which seem to rest levitingly in clusteround the tankard's spout. It required shillful hand and an arrist seed to so fait fully reproduce on chim these works of ture. Three lovely jardinieros are include the collection, one decorated with roses and enameled in green, another glazed in brown with geraniums and awaitows, the talr ing on a pedestal decorated with resessarell and glazed in green. Two beauti decorated pintes attract the eye at once

ot her autoess. There were displays from Wace, Planters-ville, Beaumont, Gniveston, Greenville, Austin and far-away Penver, but none could compare with her collection.

A Split in the Party. Carksyille Times. The republican party has at last run plump into a proposition that means defeat. The expansion question is the rock upon which the republican party will split on twam. The republican West is for expansion. The republican East is against pansion.

coult in great good for the Lone State, and is, perhaps, a bigger thing for the section than most of our people appreciate. There were 484 delerates, representative men from almost every State in the Union, who visited in a body, Housson, Calveston and other South Texas cities. The city of Houston book a great interest in the visit of this congress and appointed a special reception committee, of which we had the honor to be a mamber, to go 200 miss up the State to meet and welcome miles up the State to meet and welcome them to the chy, including the Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Festival, where they Flower and Vegotable Festival, where they expressed shomsedves as being delighted and astonished at the great variety of the ductor of fruits, flowers and vegetables placed on exhibit, fresh from garden, orchard and field, at this time of the year and the unanimous expression seemed to be, "What a grand country of unlimited resultilities this great gulf coast region of Texes must be!" With which sentiment we most heartily agree.

Not All His Fault. Denison Herald.

The ministers of Kansas City who are e loud in their condemnation of Hobson should criticise with equal severity the women and girls white allowed themselves to be kirsed. The Herald has nothing to say in defense of Hobson, but he should not be blamed altogether. It's very sel-dom a woman is kiesed unless she is will-

And to the Bitter End

It to now Mr. Bryan, and he is so renew the war for free silver, and also fight the new svil, "imperialism," or ex-pansion. The masses will be with him.

Not Likely to be It Again. Don't laugh at the young father who ture a bugie the first time for his young appetul's Christmas. He will learn better afore New Year.

SOME GOSSIP OF GAY GOTH

on by a pretty girl on a ore man gave her a seat she becam to slow open her handbag. She dow out a sum package wrapped in blue paper. This slumtied with trembling fingers. A wome sitting next to her noticed that she imband Paris green, and wondered. Below anyone could stop her, the girt raised in paper to her lips and took a big mouthful of the pelson. The woman next to be knocked up her arm, but too late. The girleit to the floor of the ear, her face octioned by pain. While she was sobbing load for "Charley," the ambulance came and to car moved on. And several on board growed because their passage has been delayed oar moved on. And several on poars gro-ed because their passage hal been dela and wondered why a lovesick girl she choose a stressoar to end it all when the is so much deep water handy. Most pee here are in such a huary that they take little interest in inclients of this sort, yand that prompted by mere curiosity.

The linguistic demands of grand open ire enough to stagger the ambitious who imagine that voice and musical training are the main requisites. During the metropolitan season French, Italian and German will be the principal tongues. All German will be the principal tongues. All modern operatic singers learn the German text of the Wagner works, but all do not understand the language to an equal degree. The De Resakes of course, speak German partectly. David Bishpam is fuent in the language. Nordica has conversational facilities in German as well as in French. Sembric speaks German as well as the French. Sembric speaks German as well as she does French, better than she does Italian or Russian and more globy than she does English. Polish is, of course, har pet language. Neither Eames nor Plancounts done more than study the lines with accuracy, assisted by their previous knowledge of the French or Italian translations.

The officials of the health department are in a puzzle as to where they stand on the ctip epidemic. This condition is the result f clashing opinions of the men who comose the board. Yesterday Commissioner cosby was authorized to announce that the Croeby was authorized to announce that the scrip was positively contagious. Today the lay member of the board surprised everyone by issuing a statement in which he said it is a doubtful question whether grip is contagious ore infectious. This made are bureau chiefs, who we've preparing to cope with the disease as a contagious and infectious malaidy, stop and engage in much guesting. The quibble, however, will neither hurt nor help the victims.

Underwriters are awalting the annual reorts of fire insurance companies operating n this city with unusual interest this year they want to see the effect, in dollars and ents, of the long rate war. It is estimated hat the companies have lost about \$12,000,-900 in premium income during the year. This represents a great shrinkage compared with the profits of a year ago, when the with the profits of and the companies of the companies of the companies are getting treated from 10 to 83 per cent on their cap-tial invested. The companies are gelting better rates today than before the Home lafe fire, and the changes are that the com-mittee appointed to consider the restora-tion of rates will hand in a unantmous reort in a few days.

Again the proposed underground road bear un against a snag. While the city authorties will consum to piedze themselves to protect a private company in every way possible, they will antagonize say plan possible, they will antisponded any pro-that well throw the respondibility of the work on the municipality. The Hand Transis commissiones a till commit the right to have the rood built by the ctr. Wall street sharps, however, to not be i-Wall street sharps, however, to not be d-ate to express the convicton hat the Met-conditan interests are prepared to take the necessary steps to secure cont of a the \$50,000,000 tunnel as soon as the plan is in shape for them to take hold.

A writer, who tolls among the fushiousples, announces that she has discovered the hough Mrs. As or is a g animother, she bolds held if straight and erest like an compress, and simply because she nover your a corest. But then, every woman but blessed with such a feure as capital with which to stat. Mrs. Astor's superb bearing and easy carriage have a ways been taken about but he secret of it all was never disclosed between

It will continue to be the Bawery. olek inn name of Third or Fourth avenue will not be extended to the famous street. The stocehoppers wished the name changed, on account of the familiar old song. But he powers that be evidently believe that a Howery by any other gains wouldn't be no whit believ, hence their refusal to wips off the map of the metropolis.

Another big firm in the Sixth avenue dry goods quarter has decided to build a ten-story addition to its establishment, and a great many houses will have to be de-mo ished to make room for it. Like a neighbor across the way who is preparing to add a nine-story annex, this big firm uses the advertising columns of live news-papers instead of dead walls and biliboards.

The Fight in Republican Ranks. Fort Worth Register.

There is a regular cat-and-dog fight gong on among the republicane over whether an extra session of the next congress shall an extra session of the next congress shall be held in the spring, and it is growing more bitter all the time. Mr. McKinley and the republican leaders on both senate and house agreet at the beginning of the season that an extra session should be avoided, if possible; but the men who want financial legislation as soon as the republicans control both branches of congress, are working on senators and representatives. In order to make an extra session necessary, if they can not compel Mr. Mc-Kinkey by all sorts of pressure to change he mind and agree to call one. Democrate at hough most of them believe that republican financial legislation at an extra session would benefit the democratic party.

Palestine Advocate.
The Galveston Tribune is growing b and we have dropes of its ultime and we have impes of its directions of recovery. It speaks of Bryan as do power of good" and of tickinley as home only one "consistent" thing. The prayers of the righteous available or words to that offsot. We are so for the Tribums and its final abode is democratic party.

An Enterprising People.
Halleteville Herald.
Our neighbor, Rock Island, was two
enough to capture the first price for
munity exhibits at the Fruit. Flows
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